Technology Deployment Initiatives and Partnership Program Request for Funding FY 2002

FHWA Strategic Goal Area: Productivity

Project Title: WASHTO-X Video Conferencing Information Exchange

<u>Problem Statement</u>: To provide an opportunity to effectively share technical information, exchange policy and program issues, and reduce costs associated with these exchanges, a Pooled Fund activity has been organized under Study Number TTS-5(017) to provide a two year pilot of Video Communications among the WASHTO State DOT's and the affiliated FHWA offices. The FLH offices have been invited and desire to join in this activity.

Proposal: The Pooled Fund Study is a two year effort to organize frequent technical discussions by way of video conferences using the FHWA HQ bridge. FLH has been a leader in FHWA in such video conferences and can use this as a means of showcasing several technologies to the States and FHWA Federal-aid Divisions.

Benefits: Low cost technical exchanges, without travel, using the video conferencing equipment in house will enable wider discussion of topics and technologies.

Resources/Cost: The Pooled Fund request is for a one time \$20,000 contribution.

Duration: Two years beginning August 2002

Organization/Method: We will join the Pooled Fund Study which Utah LTAP center is leading.

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